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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares continued over the period 21-31 October 1994.

21 October 1994

Southern region: 93 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Chabaish, Sha'biyah and Safwan.

From 1805 hours on 21 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Rifa'i, Qal'at Sukkar, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Shanafiyah and Artawi. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1900 hours.

22 October 1994

Southern region: 95 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 2100 hours on 22 October 1994, a United States aircraft dropped three heat flares in the Tuwayrat area of Dhi Qar Governorate.

23 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 122 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Jalibah,

Basra, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Ushbayjah and Qal'at Salih.

Between 0904 and 2214 hours on 23 October 1994, five United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0904 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1010 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1107 hours and left in the direction of Saudi Arabia at 1340 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1755 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1905 hours.

4. The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 2050 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 2116 hours.

5. The fifth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 2100 hours and left in the direction of Saudi Arabia at 2214 hours.

24 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 138 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Basra, Salman, Qurnah, Chabaish, Ushbayjah and Artawi.

Between 0915 and 2132 hours on 24 October 1994, four United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0915 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1007 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1120 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1214 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1757 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1905 hours.

4. The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 2020 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 2132 hours.

25 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 124 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

Between 0924 and 2125 hours on 25 October 1994, four United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0924 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1015 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1117 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1225 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1758 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1905 hours.

4. The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 2025 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 2125 hours.

26 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Aqrah, Irbil, Raniyah, Tall Afar, Shaqlawah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Ushbayjah, Shatrah and Salman.

Between 0910 and 1920 hours on 26 October 1994, five United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1010 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1044 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1105 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1215 hours.

4. The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1332 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1410 hours.

5. The fifth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1810 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1920 hours.

27 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Artawi, Jalibah and Sha'biyah.

Between 0855 and 2129 hours on 27 October 1994, four United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1000 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1055 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1805 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1914 hours.

4. The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 2020 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 2129 hours.

28 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Artawi, Qurnah and Busayyah.

Between 1045 and 2030 hours on 28 October 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1045 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1330 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1933 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 2030 hours.

29 October 1994

Southern region: 83 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Busayyah, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Artawi, Qurnah, Maymunah, Salman, Samawah and Umm Qasr.

At 1830 hours on 29 October 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Jalibah, Busayyah, Qal'at Sukkar, Nasiriyah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Samawah and Artawi. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1942 hours.

At 1245 and 1430 hours on 29 October 1994, a remotely piloted aircraft flying at a speed of 180-360 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 2,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in Basra Governorate. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1523 hours.

30 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 85 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Busayyah, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.

On 30 October 1994, four United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1020 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1105 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1220 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1840 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1930 hours.

4. The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 2015 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 2113 hours.

31 October 1994

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Basra, Artawi, Qurnah and Busayyah.

Between 0900 and 1905 hours on 31 October 1994, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0900 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1010 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1100 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1207 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1802 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1905 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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